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Cactus District Weekly Update

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Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

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City of Glendale Thanksgiving Holiday Notice

City of Glendale offices will be closed Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day later due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed, but open on Friday, November 27. For more information about the city's sanitation services, call 623-930-2660.

Valley Metro buses will run on a Sunday schedule. The Gus Bus will operate on a Sunday schedule November 26-27, running from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gus 2 and 3 will not be running.



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For Dial-a-Ride service for Thanksgiving weekend (November 26-30) reservations must be made ahead of time - by noon on Wednesday, November 25. Reservations can be made by calling Glendale's Transit Division at 623-930-3500. There will be no Dial-a-Ride same-day service on November 26-27. ADA service will be available, based on a Sunday fixed route schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open, the airport's administrative offices will be closed. In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center will be closed Thursday, November 26 thru Sunday, November 29 for the holiday and annual maintenance. For more information on the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, call 623-930-4600.

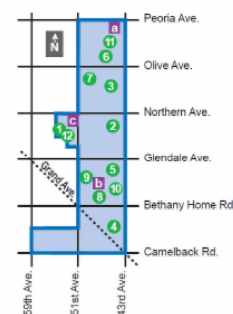
The Glendale Adult Center will be closed November 26-27 for the holiday. For additional information on all Parks & Recreation services and programs, call 623-930-2820.

For more information on Glendale's programs and services, visit glendaleaz.com.

Glendale Announces Special Guests Kurt & Brenda Warner for Countdown to Glendale Glitters.

The city of Glendale is pleased to announce that Kurt and Brenda Warner will be the special guests that will help light up the city during the Countdown to Glendale Glitters Show on November 27 at 5:30 p.m. This year, the event's theme will be 'a few of my favorite holiday things,' and following an entertaining stage show, the Warners will help the Mayor and City Council flip the switch on 1.5 million lights throughout downtown Glendale.

Kurt Warner is best known for his success on the football field as a former NFL quarterback and Super Bowl MVP. After a successful 12-year career, Warner retired from football in 2010 and is an analyst for the NFL Network. Warner is also well known for his work off the field, as a philanthropist and a man of faith. He and his wife Brenda, parents to seven children, created the First Things First Foundation in 2001, which serves as a vehicle for them to reach out to the community and share their blessings with those in need. Brenda Warner is a former US Marine, New



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Arizona Ron Leads Walking Tours of Downtown

Learn the story of Glendale first-hand from one of its long-time residents, "Arizona Ron." Arizona Ron will be offering "The Town of Dreams" Walking Tours in Downtown Glendale on November 25 and December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 and 18. Each tour begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr. suite 140, and costs \$15 for adults or \$5 for ages 16 and under.

Learn how Glendale transformed from the vegetable capital to the sports capital of Arizona over the past 120 years, and how it has grown from a few hundred people to 230,000-plus residents, all the while retaining its hometown charm. Arizona Ron invites everyone to "come join me for a fascinating 90-minute walk throughout Historic Downtown Glendale!"

Ron Brewster has lived in Glendale for 60 years, a

York Times best-selling author, and passionate philanthropist. She has toured the country as a featured speaker for Women of Faith Christian Women's Conference, and shared her unbelievable story with thousands. Warner has shared her vision of a safe and loving home for people with disabilities to create Treasure House.

Treasure House is part of Aspera, a mixed-use master planned campus located along the Loop 101 and 75th Avenue in Glendale. This unique development on 76 acres will include health care services from Banner Health, a senior housing complex and a fitness club. Treasure House, founded by the Warners, along with partners Don and Kim Cardon, is a vocational, recreational, social and educational live-in facility for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that is expected to be completed in the spring of 2016.

The "Countdown to Glendale Glitters" begins with festive, holiday entertainment for the 30-minute show, between 5:30 and 6 p.m., featuring local performers including: 76th Street, Fiesta Mexicana Dance Company, On Stage Dance Academy and the Arizona Twirling Athletes, with a spectacular fire show to "A Marshmallow Christmas."

The complete lineup of entertainment for both days opening weekend will include:

Friday, November 27:

5:30 p.m. Countdown to Glendale Glitters Stage Show

6:30 p.m. Fiesta Mexicana Dance Co.

7:15 p.m. Marilyn's Academy of Dance

8:15 p.m. Oasis Dance

9:15 p.m. On Stage Dance

Saturday, November 28:

5:00 p.m. Academy of Classic Ballet

6:00 p.m. Dance Academy North

7:00 p.m. Central Community Choir

8:00 p.m. Take Five Dance Academy

9:00 p.m. Peoria Performance Dance

Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland and petting zoo, shopping and everyone's favorite person this time of year - Santa Claus. The always-entertaining stage show will feature special honored guests to help flip on the lights, in the countdown lighting ceremony on Friday evening, November 27 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

former resident of the home that is currently the location of The Spicery in Our 1895 Home, now in the Catlin Court District and listed on the National Historic Register. His father, Harold Brewster, purchased the home in 1936 from its original owners, the Messinger family. Victor Messinger was one of Glendale's earliest residents, contributing to the city's first library in Murphy Park, and was the first city clerk in 1910 when Glendale was incorporated. The Brewster family owned the property until it was sold to Martha Campbell, the original owner of The Spicery, in 1985.

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy a meal in Downtown Glendale after the tour at one of the many eateries in the area. The Glendale Visitor Center provides information on all area shopping, dining and attractions. For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com/.



Opening weekend, free parking shuttles are provided from Glendale Community College (last shuttle will leave downtown Glendale at 10:15 p.m.). Shuttles pick up from the northeast parking lots of the college, accessing from 59th Avenue and Vogel. In addition, street parking in and around the downtown is free, but event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, both of which are accessible from 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through January 9, from 5-11 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events/.

Glendale Celebrates 30TH Anniversary of Water Conservation

The Glendale Water Services Department's Water Conservation program is celebrating 30 years of working with the community to save water, one of our most precious resources. Please join us as we celebrate the anniversary with families at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) on Wednesday, December 2 from 4-6 p.m.

Coordinated by the Glendale Water Services Department - Conservation and Sustainable Living Division, the free event will include the following family-friendly activities:

- 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. - A water conservation-themed magic show called Guardians of the Desert with Hydro the Magician, who will make snow grow and water disappear!
- 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. - Hands-on water education activities and crafts, including make your own watershed and water cycle bracelet.
- 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. - Selfies and birthday cake pops with 'Wayne Drop', the official mascot of the Water - Use It Wisely campaign.

Attendees will receive free refreshments and eco-friendly prizes, such as a high-efficiency showerhead, garden hose nozzle, four-pack of CFL's, and programmable thermostat. Children will receive a free school supply kit that contains a pencil, eraser,



Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden

7637 N. 55th Ave.
Located south of Northern Avenue on 55th Avenue

The Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was developed to stimulate the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch. Through the use of specific plants and trees for texture and scent, water features for sound, touch and sight and evening lighting for dramatic visuals, this garden is one of Glendale's proudest locations.

Watch a video on the park [here](#).



Rose Lane Park

51st Avenue and Marlette Avenue

Open: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This community park is 19 acres and features an aquatics center, open in the summer, and the Rose Lane Recreation Center.

The community center features after-school activities for children.

Rose Lane Park includes:

Lighted ball field

pencil sharpener, and ruler. The kits and prizes will be distributed at the end of the event and will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The event is free, but advance registration is required by calling 623-930-3550 or emailing greenliving@glendaleaz.com. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation/.

Glendale Police Seeking Enrollment for January 2016 Citizen Police

The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizen Police Academy which begins on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. The application deadline of November 30th is quickly approaching!

The Citizens Academy is a free program designed to offer participants the opportunity to learn, hands on, about many Glendale Police Operations, such as the use of Police Canines, Crime Scene Investigations and Tactical Operations. The curriculum also includes an overview of the Glendale Police Department's Administration, Police Communications, and Community Oriented Policing.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and undergo a background check and fingerprinting process. All fingerprinting and completed applications must be submitted no later than Monday, November 30, 2015. The Citizen Police Academy is 12 weeks in length and is held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center and Glendale Police Main Station. There will also be one Saturday class.

Applications can be downloaded and the fingerprinting schedule can be viewed from the Glendale Police website at the following link: <http://www.glendaleaz.com/police>. For further information, please contact Marie Shepherd at 623-930-3282 or via email at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com.

Lighted basketball court
Two lighted volleyball courts
Four lighted racquetball courts
Playground
Picnic tables
Grills
Restrooms
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Rose Lane Recreation Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave.
623-930-7945

Heart for the City Hours:
Monday - Friday, 2-7 p.m.

The Rose Lane Recreation Center features after-school activities for children, including open recreation; soccer; water fun; arts and crafts; reading time; and weekly movies with popcorn. [More Information.](#)



Rose Lane Aquatics Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave. *
623-930-7905
(east of 51st Ave., north of Bethany Home Rd.)

This seasonal facility is only open to the public during the summer.

Activities include full facility aquatic rentals, seasonal private swim lessons, group swim lessons, and summer public recreation swimming. This facility includes a large, zero depth entry leisure pool with spray features, a splash pad, a giant slide, a kiddie slide, and a big pool with a diving well and a diving board. Rose Lane has outdoor "day use" lockers. Please bring your own lock or you may purchase one at the Rose Lane Cashier's Office. This facility is only staffed when the pools are open for aquatic programming.

[View a Slide Show of the Rose Lane Aquatics Center here!](#)

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